

THE BRITISH COLONIST

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To Advertisers & the Public.

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JOB PRINTING.

THE BRITISH COLONIST PUBLISHING COMPANY having received a large addition to their stock of new and beautiful Jobbing type, &c., &c., will be pleased to receive orders to any amount with promptness and despatch, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE TOPIC.

The question that comes up before the House, to day, is, we have no legislation in saying, the most important subjects for legislative consideration, that has not forced itself on the attention of the members of the Assembly. On the opinions expressed by the Committee of the Whole will undoubtedly depend in a great measure the future well-being of the country. We would therefore impress upon every member the necessity of his attendance. This is no time for playing with responsibility, or shirking the duties of membership by vacillation. The opinion of the House must be given clearly and decisively—not a doubtful attitude arising from public exultation, but the result of calm, untempered deliberation. We have, with all the censures that have been occasionally expressed by us on the conduct of the Assembly, a higher idea of the intellectual calibre of the members generally; than to fancy they are laboring under the shallow delusions which seem to have taken hold of a portion of our population in regard to our free port. There may possibly be one or two unhappy victims of this hallucination in the House, but we believe that is about the extent of their number. The other and less unthinking members desire the abrogation of the free port. It remains to see, however, if they recommend can only specific unconditional union with British Columbia. So certain is the public mind at present on the question that we feel convinced if the House does not bring forward masters in this shape, a dissolution will be at once petitioned for by the inhabitants. No other course can indeed be followed with any degree of security to ourselves. The short-sighted men who talk at this crisis of keeping the colonies separate are assuredly paving the way for a crash that will involve every property held in Victoria in ruin. One existence as a colony really and truly depends on union and a tariff. We cannot have one without the other. We must either become part and parcel of British Columbia, accept her mixed and more enlightened form of taxation for young countries, or give up our Government and drop back again to a Hudson's Bay Company's settlement. The issue is so plain—the future so clearly depicted—that the wonder is how even a fraction of the community can be blinded to the fact.

From first to last we have maintained the necessity of unhampering the union question with conditions. If the matter were ever to become an accomplished fact we saw clearly enough it could not be done by clinging to old provinces. Had the free port vagaries been relinquished three years ago we should have been now reaping the fruits of a consolidated union; Victoria would have been to-day a tow'ld little shott'f of fifteen thousand inhabitants; and the surrounding country, instead of being locked up, a wilderness in the hands of a few unproductive speculators, would have presented the cheerful sight of agricultural industry. Grand Utopian ideas of commercial greatness, however, got hold of the minds of our rulers, and while we were chasing the shadow we lost the substance. We have learned our lesson in political economy by a dear-bought experience; we have seen time and money and population all slip through our fingers, and to-day, we are, in substantial prosperity, scarcely any better off than we were six years ago. The grand commercial emporium disappeared, and we are left to depend, in order to make a show in our export, on a few barrels at cranberries gathered by the Indians, and a collection of skins and furs from the north-west coast of British Columbia. *Mantissae Deoxy* has certainly never had a more ignoble termination.

The duty which devolves on the House to day is to ascertain the cause of the present unsatisfactory condition of the colony, and to suggest a remedy. That the members will bring to their deliberation a calm, unprejudiced mind is what we earnestly hope.

They have witnessed, with the rest of the inhabitants, the most golden opportunities for scaling up the colony frattered away under the most baseless delusions. They have seen tons upon tons of gold extracted from the soil of British Columbia, but can perceive nothing to show for it. With resources both here and on the mainland sufficient to make any other country wealthy and populous, they are compelled to look upon the melancholy spectacle of able-bodied men leaving the colony—and leaving in disgust—from want of employment. Amid all this general mismanagement and scandalous neglect of the best interests of the country, they are given, by way of a paradox, the valuable information that free trade is the life and soul of the place, and logically enough, that because England makes customs duties contribute largely towards her revenue, Vancouver Island, being anxious to emulate the mother country, dispenses with them altogether. They are shown how cheaply every man can live under the free port system—how board and lodging in Victoria are just one hundred per cent. over San Francisco prices, and how valuable it is to the "working man" to have low-priced bread, when he is "scant of cash," and can get "no work to do." There is something essentially capitalizing in all these arguments, but we think the members will agree with us and the working men generally, that it is not so much an imaginary large loaf that is wanted, as the opportunity to give productive employment to every man who desires to work."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST.

ON GOVERNMENT STREET, BETWEEN the John Bell and Brown Jug, on YESTERDAY, A CERTIFICATE, of no value, except to the owner. Any one returning the same to Mr. M. Huskinson, solicitor, Langley, will be rewarded.

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In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of Vancouver Island.

IN BANKRUPTCY.

THE SECOND EXAMINATION OF JOHN COOPER SMITH, a Bankrupt, will take place at the Court House, James Bay, on Wednesday, the 1st day of February, at 12 o'clock, noon.

JOHN COPLAND, Solicitor for Bankrupt, Bastion street.

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NOTICE.

THE CREDITORS OF W. C. WEBSTER, (Tanner), are requested to meet at Webster's Shoe Store, Yates street, on Wednesday, the 20th of January, punctually at 2 o'clock p.m.

JAMES COWPER,

W.M. CHARLES BIPPEEN

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Tenders Wanted.

FOR CLEARING AND FENCING LAND, Apply to J. Parr, at Mr. Jackson's, Cedar Hill. Tenders received at this office until 3 o'clock p.m., Saturday next.

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NEW GOODS

EX

"General Wyndham"

LINDSAY & FISHER

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FILTERS—Petrol Silicatted Carbon Filters, from 1 to 5 gallons.

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FLY-WIRE GAUSE MEAT COVERS—All sizes.

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SAUSAGE MACHINES—Adapted for family use and for the trade.

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BOILED LINSEED OIL

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WHITE LEAD, PAINTS, PUTTY, WHITING, GLUE—best London.

WINDOW GLASS;

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THOS. GRETNEY.

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Park Hotel

BEACON HILL.

THIS FINE HOTEL IS NOW OPEN

and supplied with the best market articles.

Wines, Spirits, Ale, Porter,

Tea, Coffee, Chocolate, Oyster Steaks, &c., &c., &c.

Arrangements have been made to supply PICNIC DINNERS or BALL PARTIES on any scale.

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COMMERCIAL.

YESTERDAY.—The steamer *Thames* arrived from the Alford Mills yesterday morning, with a cargo of lumber, and a large quantity of stores, etc. She proceeded out to Trial Island, without discharging, to whatever, to haul the ship, William Kimball off the rocks.

FROM NANAIMO.—The steamer *Fideller*, arrived last night at 10:30 p. m., from Nanaimo. She will sail again for the same port this morning at eight o'clock.

IMPORTS.

For schooner A J WESTER, from Port Angeles—230 barrels oats, 10 tons hay—value, \$75.

For schooner WINGED RACER, from Port Angeles—270 barrels potatoes, 20 bushels turnips.

For schooner NOR' WESTER, from Port Townsend—300 barrels oats, 360 lbs barley, 50 do wheat, 200 do potatoes, 150 lbs turnips, 170 do carrots, 35 lbs butter—value, \$800.

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